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Applicant	: Shunpei Yamazaki et al.	Art Unit	: 2818
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Mail Stop Amendment

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REPLY TO ACTION OF APRIL 8, 2009

In reply to the Office Action of April 8, 2009, applicants submit the following remarks.

Claims 71-110 are pending in the application. Claims 81-110 have been withdrawn, leaving claims 71-80, including independent claim 71, under consideration.

Claims 71-80 have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-48 of U.S. Patent No. 7,030,551 in view of Ishikawa (U.S. Patent No. 5,663,745).

Initially, applicants note that it appears that the rejection fails to indicate where the claims of the '551 patent in view of Ishikawa describe or suggest "means for detecting coordinates of the portion of the pixel," as recited in claim 71. Nor could applicants find this feature in the claims of the '551 patent or in Ishikawa. Accordingly, for at least this reason, the rejection should be withdrawn.

The claims of the '551 patent in view of Ishikawa also fail to describe or suggest "an input pen for reflecting a light emitted by the EL element and for inputting the light to the photoelectric conversion element of a portion of pixels among the plurality of pixels," as also recited in claim 71. Recognizing that the claims of the '551 patent do not include the recited input pen, the rejection relies upon Ishikawa as doing so. However, while Ishikawa describes a touch pen at col. 3, line 26, Ishikawa does not describe or suggest that the pen "reflect[s] a light emitted by the EL element" or "input[s] the light to the photoelectric conversion element of a portion of pixels among the plurality of pixels," as recited in claim 71. Rather, Ishikawa indicates that the pen is to be used in conjunction with a touch-sensitive panel. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn for at least this additional reason.

All claims are in condition for allowance.

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